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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1
In step S7 described above, the pressure applied to the high pressure vessel 30, by introducing the infiltrating gas into the high pressure vessel 30, is not less than 0.98 MPa and not more than 202 MPa. In this case, the pressure is preferably not less than 4.9 MPa and not more than 202 MPa, and more preferably not less than 9.8 MPa and not more than 202 MPa.

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, line 26 -- page 33, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2
As for the pores of the porous sintered member 12, as described above, it is desirable that those having an average diameter of 0.5 to 50 mm exist by not less than 90 % by volume, and the porosity is 10 to 50 % by volume.